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Letter dated 28 September 2009 from the Permanent Mission of Madagascar to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

On the instructions of my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you the attached letter from Ny Hasina Adriamanjato, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Madagascar (see annex).

I should be grateful if the present letter and its annex could be circulated as a document of the sixty-fourth session of the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Zina **Andrianarivelo-Razafy**
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Annex to the letter dated 28 September 2009 addressed to the President of the General Assembly by the Permanent Representative of Madagascar to the United Nations

I wish to express to you my warm congratulations on your election as President of the General Assembly, as well as for the manner in which you are conducting its work.

On behalf of my country, I wish to convey to you my strong protest, as a sovereign Member State of the United Nations, in response to the decision by the General Assembly to deny Madagascar the opportunity to speak before the United Nations.

Despite your enlightened opinion, as well as the opinion of the Legal Counsel, the process leading to this decision appears to me to be totally contrary to the principles governing the work of the General Assembly. No advance request was made to the Credentials Committee, neither was there any request to anyone whatsoever for the inclusion in its agenda of an item on the case of Madagascar. Moreover, the participation of Madagascar was called into question by a vote of a minute number of the members of the General Assembly — 23 countries out of the 192 States making up the United Nations. This constitutes an affront to a universal Organization like the United Nations, where the "silent majority" was effectively reduced to silence.

The time has come to tell the whole world that what took place in Madagascar was not a military coup d'etat, and in no way can it be accused of being anti-democratic. A popular uprising cannot be a military coup.

I am requesting you, with your clear-sighted dynamism, to see that the General Assembly re-examines the case of Madagascar as quickly as possible so that it may recover its most fundamental right to speak before the Organization.

(*Signed*) Ny Hasina **Andriamanjato**